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MEMORANDUM FOR: CPY

SUBJECT : Meeting of Lenap Panel at PSB Wednesday, August 12, 1953

1. At your request I attended with Mr. Francis Albert of WE Division a meeting of Lenap panel. Those at the meeting included [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] Mr. Handyside of FOA, Mr. Knight and Mr. Fisher of State, and [redacted]

2. The chief purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways and means of supporting and encouraging an attempt by the French government to indict several leaders of the communist party in France and to waive the parliamentary immunity of several others so that they can be prosecuted. Mr. Knight, who I understand has permanently replaced Mr. Homer Byington on this committee, said that on August 7 Mr. Byington had written Mr. Tyler in Paris for his opinion of the possibility of a successful attempt to expedite the situation and that Mr. Tyler's reply is expected within two weeks. It was agreed by all that the objectives is a worthy one, but everyone also agreed with Mr. Knight that it could only be accomplished as a result of personal associations by the American and French officials on a personal basis and that any recommendation of the Washington Lenap committee must await receipt of Mr. Tyler's letter.

3. Further attempt to removed any possibility of accusations of American interference in French internal affairs it was agreed by the members of the panel to pass along to USIA an injunction against saying anything about the situation at the present time.

4. The balance of the meeting was consumed by general discussion of French affairs, principally among Mr. Knight, [redacted] 25X1

5. [redacted] will make his own report on the meeting [redacted] and said that there is no need for me to do so. 25X1

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